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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, PK

SUBJECT: P & A DECISIONS FOR PAKISTAN

REF: A. STATE 170830

B. NEW DELHI 9799

C. NEW DELHI 9132

1. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE PROVISION OF P&A DATA REPRESENTS A NECESSARY FIRST STEP IN THE MILITARY SALES PROCESS, IT NEITHER COMMITS USG TO FINAL APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER NOR DOES IT COMMIT THE PROSPECTIVE BUYER TO PURSUE HIS INTEREST. IN THIS CONTEXT, WE WONDER WHY IT SHOULD BE EITHER NECESSARY OR ADVISABLE TO PASS OUR P & A DECISIONS (REF A) TO THE GOI EVEN ON AN "IF ASKED" BASIS AS NEW DELHI HAS RECOMMENDED (REF B). IT SEEMS TO US THAT SUCH DISCLOSURE WOULD BE PREMATURE, AND WOULD GO WELL BEYOND THE GUIDELINES SUGGESTED BY NEW DELHI ITSELF (AND ACCEPTABLE TO US) IN REF C.

2. WE HOPE THE DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE THESE CONSIDERATIONS INTO ACCOUNT WHEN DECIDING, IN REPLY TO REF B, HOW EARLY IN THE SALES PROCESS WHAT COULD BE VERY MISLEADING INFORMATION SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO
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